

JOHN TODD WATERMAN: I'm John Todd Waterman. I'm a full-time climate volunteer. I have no time, no money, and no regrets. For many years now, climate scientists have been telling us we must drastically reduce fossil fuel use to avert catastrophic, irreversible climate change. A recent study of 2,259 peer review climate articles over a fourteen-month period found only one author who disagreed that our CO₂ causes global warming. The notion that all of the other 9,136 authors were wrong or lying would be as laughable to the public as it is to scientists. Had not its sponsors, the well-camouflaged fossil fuel industry spent a fortune making the case appear so legitimate on the notoriously unpeer reviewed way. I hope you will discount the anger and misguided opposition to sustainable policy, which fed on the present lie, has so illegitimately and destructively created. For our children and all their children, for our whole world, we must quickly abandon the most (Inaudible)-intensive fuel of all, coal. We must also ensure that displaced miners are the first to benefit from the new green economy and its far more abundant jobs by providing them with the transitional support and training they need. The best analyses found the economic benefits of switching to sustainable energy sources are from five to twenty times greater than its cost. Losing great cities to the sea will not benefit world GDP. And we cannot feed an exploding population with compromised food production. I trust you will seize your historic opportunity to do profound, enduring good. Thank you for listening and thank you for so courageously rising to this emotionally charged challenge. I know your grandchildren will thank you, too.